THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The work of conversion of these lines is already under progress. The projects involved are Viramgam- Mehsana-Patan-Bhildi, Bhildi-Samdari and Luni-Munabao. The completion of these sections would, however, depend on availability of resources.

Passes for Railway Employees

2596. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government banned LTC facility for Central Government employees in 2000;

(b) whether the officers and employees working in his Ministry are enjoying pass facility; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not imposing ban on the use of passes by officers and employees of his Ministry, when other Central Government employees have not been enjoying the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The LTC facility to the Central Government employees has been suspended for a period of two years from 02.03.2001 as a part of expenditure management. However, Railway empoyees are not governed by LTC rules, but by Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 which provide for Privilege Passes as a service condition.

Tenders By Rail Workshop Modernisation Organisation

†2597. DR. M.N. DAS:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms for floating tenders by Rail Workshop Modernisation Organisation;

(b) the total number of a wheel lathe tenders floated during the last five years, the total number of machines procured by Cofmow, the rail Workshop Modernisation Organisation; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) from which companies these machines were purchased and price of each machine, company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) As per Government Policy, COFMOW floats Advertised / Global Tenders for procurement of plant & machinery.

(b) During last five years, 10 tenders for Wheel Lathe were issued and, 54 wheel lathes procured.

(c) A statement is attached.

Statement

Details of Companies from which machines were purchased alongwith machine description their quantity and cost per M/C.

(*Rs. in lacs*)

S. No.	Year	Machine-Description	Qty.	Cost per M / C.
M/s. HYT Eng. Company Pvt. Ltd., Pune.				
1.	1997-98	Under Floor Wheel Lathe	5	150.12
2.		Multi Purpose Wheel Lathe	2	250.7
3.		Surface Wheel Lathe	5	203.98
4.	1999-00	Surface Wheel Lathe	2	206.49
5.		Under Floor Wheel Lathe	9	171.3
6.	2000-01	Surface Wheel Lathe	5	218.79
7.		Multipurpose Wheel Lathe	1	260.75
8.	2001-02	Under Floor Wheel Lathe	4	180.46
9.	2002-03	Surface Wheel Lathe	1	322.11
10.		Under Floor Wheel Lathe	2	174.96
M/HEC Ltd., Ranchi				
11.	1997-98	Under Floor Wheel Lathe	4	150.12

S.No.	Year	Machine-Description	Qty.	Cost per M/C.
12.	1999-00	Surface Wheel Lathe	6	206.49
13.	2000-01	Surface Wheel Lathe	5	213.76
14.	2001-02	Surface Wheel Lathe	1	213.76
15.		Under Floor Wheel Lathe	1	168.72
M / s BECO Engg., Ballabhgarh				
16.	1998-99	Surface Wheel Lathe	1	203.97

Railway Development Authority

2598. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to set up an Indian Railways Lands, Air Space and Property Development Authority has been formulated, to manage the railway lands for commercial utilisation throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Urban Development has objected to the proposal, holding the view that such a step would lead to duplication of work; and

(d) if so, the details of views of the concerned Ministries and the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railways propose to set up a separate Authority namely the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) to undertake property development on Railway land.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The proposal is in conceptual stage.